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The vessel discharged her cargo here, after which she proceeded to dry dock for the purpose of being cleaned and painted. The ship was completely emptied, with the exception of about three or four hundred tons of flour, and advantage was taken of her condition to fumigate the holds and storerooms with sulphur. As a result 36 rats were obtained when the compartments were opened, and later 4 more were found, making a total of 40. This vessel has a gross tonnage of 18,000 and a net of 5,600. The number of sulphur pots used was 24, which, in a vessel of this size, was a remarkably good showing for the number of rats killed.

Transactions on account of smallpox in northern Maine, Canadian border.

Weekly report of sanitary work in Madawaska region.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hammond reports, through Surgeon Kalloch, as follows:

Week ended July 16, 1904. Number of cases smallpox previously reported, none; new cases, 4; houses under quarantine, 2; houses fumigated, 2; persons vaccinated, 6; miles of territory covered, 70.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.—Antimosquito work at Alice.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

ALICE, TEX., June 25, 1904.

Report for June 24, 1904: Inspected 9 wells, 9 cisterns, 78 water barrels, of which 67 were screened and 1 oiled. This inspection develops nothing new. The people are willing to oil their cisterns and screen their other water containers, but they refuse fumigation, so that this practically completes the work at this place, for the present at least.

JUNE 27, 1904.

Report for June 25, 1904: Cisterns inspected, 24; oiled, 11; wells inspected, 22; oiled, 3; tanks inspected, 25; oiled, 7; barrels inspected, 81; oiled, 27.

Doctor Cock and force are at Corpus Christi, Doctor MacGregor and force at Robstown, from which point they will work both ways, covering all the territory between Alice and Corpus Christi. Both Doctor Cock and Doctor MacGregor have been instructed to report to you direct and to await your further orders.

The situation here remains unchanged.

I inclose four mosquitoes, two of which, to me, appear to be anopheles, possibly argyrotarsis, or an albipis, if not one of the sub-species.—Theobald. The other is the same as the mosquito we found near the Texas Mexican Railroad, and which we failed to classify.

The mosquitoes which appear to me to be anopheles have rather long palpi, spotted wings, etc. They abound here, although they are not found in the town, but in the immediate suburbs. I shall make an effort to find some of the larvæ of these mosquitoes, although it has so far been a difficult matter, probably because of there being so many frogs in the neighborhood.

JULY 8, 1904.

Mr. Purnell, mayor-elect of Alice, on yesterday went to Yoakum to attend a conference of sanitary municipal authorities. I gave him a copy of the Laredo city ordinance.

Referring to standing water on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass roadway, I would state that Mr. Ennis has certainly acted in the matter without delay. The roadmasters at Alice are to confer to-day, or, rather, the roadmaster asked me last night to advise him just what oiling is necessary. He also informed me that they propose to drain such pools as will admit of draining. From indications, the people are determined that something shall be done, and they seem to be waiting only for the organization of the municipal board, which depends on the receipt of the commission from the governor.

Antimosquito work at Banquete, Robstown, and Hebbronville—Vaccination.

Acting Assistant Surgeon MacGregor reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

BANQUETE, TEX., June 27, 1904.

Arrived at Robstown on the night of June 25, 1904. On June 26 we inspected 17 premises; oiled 6 ponds, 2 cisterns, and 11 barrels; inspected to-day 15 houses in Banquete. We will finish the stations between here and Corpus Christi on Tuesday.

ROBSTOWN, TEX., June 30, 1904

Transactions at Banquete, June 28, 1904:

Fumigated 10 houses, containing 27 rooms; oiled 5 wells and 2 cisterns.

At Robstown, June 29, 1904, as follows: Fumigated 2 houses, containing 2 rooms.

There is no sickness here at present. Some cases of fever have been reported along the line of the Brownsville railroad, but nothing serious or definite has been ascertained.

The inspection of this town completes the district between Alice and Corpus Christi.

HEBBRONVILLE, TEX., July 4, 1904.

It has been raining hard since my arrival here yesterday, making any work impossible. I shall proceed with the fumigation as soon as the weather permits.

The weather has been so inclement that it has been impossible to do much work.

We fumigated to-day 3 houses, containing 12 rooms; oiled 5 barrels.

JULY 6, 1904.

July 5, 1904: Fumigated 5 houses. The weather is still unsettled.

JULY 7, 1904.

July 6, 1904: Fumigated 23 houses, containing 47 rooms. The weather has been clear during the past two days' operations.